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SIR:

Further to the Response and Request for Reconsideration filed on March 19, 2002, and in response to the Advisory Action dated January 11, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are active in the present application.

As set forth in the Request for Reconsideration filed on March 19, 2002 (a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt is attached evidencing timely filing thereof), Applicants wish to thank Examiner Wong for indicating that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, has been withdrawn. Although not explicitly mentioned as being withdrawn, it is assumed